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1. SUMMARY: UNHCR'S DIRECTOR FOR ASSISTANCE ABDOU CISS AND DIRECTOR FOR CENTRAL AND WEST AFRICAN AFFAIRS ALAIN PETERS ARRIVED IN KINSHASA SEPTEMBER 27 AND BEGAN ROUND OF OFFICIAL CALLS WITH A VISIT TO THE EMBASSY. CISS AND PETERS INTEND TO VISIT SHABA ONLY AFTER RESOLVING SEVERAL OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS REGARDING REFUGEE REPATRIATION WITH THE GOZ. WE UNDERScored VALUE OF UNHCR'S MAINTAINING ITS OWN SPECIAL

IDENTITY AND ROLE. WE ASSURED VISITORS OF USG INTEREST IN THEIR MISSION

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AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO PROVIDE HELP AS NECESSARY, IN THEIR MAKING CONTACTS WITH ZAIRIANS. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCOMPANIED BY RON SCHEINMAN OF UNHCR/KINSHASA, ABDOU CISS AND ALAIN PETERS MET WITH AMBASSADOR AND MISSION OFFICERS MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 27. CISS SAID THEY HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION AND ARE STILL

AWAITING RESPONSE TO THEIR REQUESTS FOR A MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY

SECRETARY OF STATE IDZUMBUIR. CISS ASKED THAT EMBASSY BE READY TO ASSIST THEM IN ARRANGING APPOINTMENTS WITH HIGHER-RANKING GOZ OFFICIALS WHOSE ACTIVE SUPPORT WOULD PROBABLY BE REQUIRED FOR A SUCCESSFUL UNHCR PROGRAM IN SHABA.

3. CISS STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO REMAIN IN KINSHASA UNTIL HE HAD A FIRM GOZ COMMITMENT OF CORRECT TREATMENT FOR RETURNING REFUGEES, OF SUPPORT FOR THE UNHCR ROLE IN SHABA, AND INFORMATION CONCERNING EXACTLY WHAT ROLE THE GOZ WISHED THE UNHCR TO PLAY. HE AND PETERS THEN HOPED TO VISIT SHABA TO SEE THE SITUATION FIRST-HAND AND COMPARE NOTES WITH UNHCR REP GILLES SICOTTE.

4. CISS ADDED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA WAS ANXIOUS TO HELP THE REFUGEES TO RETURN TO ZAIRE. THE GOA HAD STOPPED ITS OWN UNILATERAL REPATRIATION EFFORT LAST WEEK BECAUSE POOR ORGANIZATION HAD RESULTED IN SOME REFUGEES BEING WOUNDED IN UNMARKED MINEFIELDS. NOW, FOR THE FIRST TIME, THE GOA HAD ASKED UNHCR TO ASSIST IN THE REPATRIATION OF ZAIRIAN REFUGEES BACK TO SHABA.

5. AMBASSADOR ASKED THAT UNHCR VISITORS KEEP US INFORMED OF THEIR PROGRESS DURING THEIR MISSION. HE RECOMMENDED PROCEEDING INsofar AS FEASIBLE ON THEIR OWN RESOURCES TO MAINTAIN UNHCR'S SPECIAL IDENTITY AND ROLE. AT SAME TIME, WE ASSURED CISS AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PETERS OF OUR GREAT INTEREST IN SEEING THEIR MISSION SUCCEED AND OUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST THEM IN ARRANGING APPROPRIATE CONTACTS.

6. AMBASSADOR MENTIONED ARRIVAL OF UNHCR OFFICIALS TO FOREIGN MINISTER UMBA DI-LUTETE AND TO DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF THE PRESIDENT NIMY DURING HIS MEETINGS, WITH THEM ON SEPTEMBER 28 AND 29 RESPECTIVELY. THEY WERE AWARE OF CIS AND PETERS' PRESENCE IN ZAIRE, BUT INDICATED THAT PROPER INTERLOCUTOR FOR UNHCR WAS DEPARTMENT OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION. SCHEINMAN TELLS US THAT CISS AND PETERS HAVE HAD TWO LONG MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION AND THAT A MEETING WITH COMMISSIONER OF TERRITORIAL ADMINISTRATION IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 30.

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